REMARKS

Claims 9-14, 26, 27, 31, 34, and 49-54 remain in the application for consideration. In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application.

Examiner Interview

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the time spent discussing the claims in this application. Applicant and Examiner have both agreed that the claims, as presently amended, distinguish over the art of record. Applicant understands that, in view of the amendments that have been made, a Notice of Allowance will be forthcoming.

Applicant appreciates the extra time that the Examiner has spent discussing this case.

§102 Rejections

Claims 9-10, 12, 14-15, 26-27, 31, 34 and 49-54 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,421,348 to Gaudet et al. (hereinafter "Gaudet").

§103 Rejections

Claims 11, 13, and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Gaudet in view of Gunninberg et al., "How a Large ATM MTU Causes Deadlocks in TCP Data Transfers", IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking, Vol. 3, Issues 4, (1995) (hereinafter "Gunninberg).

The Claims

In view of the amendments that have been made above, as well as the discussions with the Examiner, the Office's rejections are traversed and the claims are allowable. Accordingly, all of the claims are in condition for allowance. As such, Applicant requests a Notice of Allowability be issued forthwith. If the Office's next anticipated action is to be anything other than issuance of a Notice of Allowability, Applicant respectfully requests a telephone call for the purpose of scheduling an interview.

Respectfully Submitted,

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